

The countryside VS The city



Pollution

Vandalism

crystal clear brooks

litter

fumes from exhaust pipes

traffi jams

Read and listen

Melisa

I live in Istanbul now, in Turkey , but I used to live in the country in the province of Sakarya .It was an amazing place to live – just so beautiful . There' s a large lake nearby and he hills are covered with pine trees – people go to picnic there . The coast is also not far away .When I lived there it was as if time had stood still. There was no water or electricity - we had our own well and generator- and there was just one shop .We had to wait for a minibus from the nearest town to bring fresh bread and the newspapers every morning. I worked in a school in a nearby town – in fact the one that sent the bread and the paper – and in my free time played tennis, went for walks and played the piano. I made my own entertainment . In the end I had to move to Istanbul to work but I really miss the fresh food and the fresh fish , the peace. I sometimes use to think when I was living there that there wasn' t enough choice of things to do, things to buy but now I think I have too much choice.

Eric

A few years ago my wife and I retired and we moved to a little in the mountains here in Colorado. It's gorgeous. We have a house in a hill, and we're surrounded by mountains, which we can see from our window, as well as the woods and a very pretty lake. There are lots of paths and we walk every morning with our dog, who loves chasing after sticks and things.

There's so much to do. In the summer we go hiking and we have a little canoe we take on the lake, and, of course in the winter we go skiing. We have lots of friends here and we often have dinner parties or we have our book club meetings. There is a joke here that we only have three seasons: summer, winter and "mud" season. That's after the snow has melted and everything, I mean everything is covered in mud. That's the only bad time to be here. And the other problem is that we don't have a supermarket. The nearest one's about 20 miles from here.

- 1) What's the country like where they live or used to live?
- 2) How do /did they entertain themselves?
- 3) What disadvantages do they mention?
- 4) If you moved into the country, what would you miss about the city?
- 5) What would you enjoy most about the country?